

Wrecking Contractor Procedures

The City of Detroit has two wrecking licenses available. A “Class B” wrecking license limits wrecking to buildings of three (3) stories in height or 35 feet. A “Class A” wrecking license allows wrecking of all buildings. [Click here to review Wrecking Class Definitions and Requirements.](#)

Wrecking operations are governed by BOCA Chapter 33, Section 3304.0, 3310.0, Ordinance 290-H, Sections 12-11-19 through 12-11-20.10., 15-98, 16-98, and 17-98.

Applicants for license must be approved by the Board of Examiners for Wrecking Contractors and have a minimum of three (3) years wrecking supervisory experience (Forman-Superintendent-Supervisor) is mandatory to qualify for a wrecking license in Detroit. Experience up to two (2) years may be extended to anyone who possesses a degree or registration as an architect or civil engineer. All employers listed on your application are required to provide the department with an Employment Affidavit.

If you were self employed and operating your company in some other area, you can provide evidence of experience by submitting: (1) Copies of wrecking permits, weather cards or other copies and permit applications signed by you and listing your company as the prime contractor. (2) Affidavits from clients or customers whose buildings you have demolished. We will not accept testimonial letters of character. This information shall be noted in the same format as the Employment Affidavit. (3) Copies of Workman’s Compensation audits submitted by your firm. (4) Prior tax records.

The Board of examiners usually meets the second Wednesday of each month. However, a special meeting can be called when necessary. Only properly completed applications will be accepted for processing. All required application forms and support documentation must be secured and assembled by the applicant prior to submitting for the Wrecking Board for approval. Application package must be submitted 14 days prior to any scheduled board meeting, to be considered for that meeting. Insurance and bonds are required as follows:

Class A & B		Class A	
Security Bond -	\$50,000.00	Death one person	\$250,000.00
Workmen’s Compensation		Death over one	\$500,000.00
		Property	\$250,000.00
Class B			
Death one person	\$100,000.00		
Death over one	\$300,000.00		
Property	\$100,000.00		

Exam fee is \$86.00 and license fee is \$302.00. All Wrecking licenses expire December 31st of each year.